MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) :
(*a*) The information is noted.
(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Terms of Contract with Messrs. Naire & Naire, London, for Medicine Supplies.

10. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the terms of the contract (if any) with Mr. K. K. Pillai of Messrs. Naire and Naire of London for the supply of foreign medicines, etc., to the Medical Department ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government* : The agreement entered into with the firm for 1101 is available for reference in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council. It is a lengthy document.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Since I have not been able to derive immediate benefit out of this reply, will I be given another opportunity to put supplementary questions ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The member is at liberty to put supplementary questions now.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I am not given the opportunity to refer to the records which I want. So, I am asking whether I will be given another opportunity to put supplementary questions. I am asked in the answer to refer to the record in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council. That is why I am asking for another opportunity to put supplementary questions.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is open to the member to put a fresh question hereafter.

Nurses in the Medical Department.

11. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the services of any of the nurses were dispensed with during 1925 for violating any of the provisions of the rules published in the *Government Gazette*, dated the 13th July, 1920 ;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether these rules were meant to be applied to the first batch of nurses recruited in Vrischikam 1096 ;

(*c*) whether any bond was taken from the nurses recruited in 1096 ;

(*d*) whether the recruitment in 1096 was strictly in accordance with the rules referred to above ; and

(*e*) whether there are any nurses (recruited in 1096 or subsequently) in the department now, who are ineligible under these rules ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) :
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) No.

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(*d*) Yes; except with respect to qualification 2, which runs as follows: "She shall have passed or completed the course for the English Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination".

(*e*) No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With regard to (*a*), may I know, for violating which provision of the rules it was that the services of these nurses were dispensed with?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): For violating the rule against marriage.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether they memorialised the Government when the order dispensing with their services was issued?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): They did send up memorials. But I am not quite sure whether the memorials were received before the orders were communicated or only afterwards.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With regard to (*d*) may I know whether, as a matter of fact, the rules were strictly applied to the first batch of nurses?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): With the exception of one rule, all the rules were strictly applied.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): When a single rule was not applied, does it not mean that the rules were not, as a matter of fact, applied to the first batch of nurses?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is left to the member to make any inference he likes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the fact that some of the nurses violated the rules was brought to the notice of the Darbar Physician?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know what action was taken by the Darbar Physician?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): He reported to Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the services of these nurses were dispensed with before the Government received the Darbar Physician's report?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Orders, dispensing with the services of these nurses, were passed subsequently.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With regard to (*e*), may I know whether any bond is now being taken when the nurses are taken in?

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MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Darbar Physician has been written to for taking agreements, Government have not received reports to the effect that agreements have actually been taken.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the rules were enforced with regard to both the stipendiary and the non-stipendiary students?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The rules apply only to stipendiary students.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Does it mean that a non-stipendiary student, who has entered into marital relations, cannot be entertained?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That question has not been considered.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether any student, who has entered into marital relations, is at present employed as a nurse?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The information has to be called for.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In the light of the fact that no bond was taken from the first batch of nurses, do not the Government think it just that at least the first batch must be exempted from the operation of these rules?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to consider their case sympathetically?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; Government will consider the matter.

Opening a Hospital at Varkala.

12. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have recognised the necessity of opening a hospital at Varkala; and

(*b*) if so, what progress they have made in regard to the same?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The work of putting up the necessary buildings is postponed till funds become available.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it is on account of financial stringency that the work of putting up the necessary building is being postponed?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; the reason is clear from the answer.

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